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Fixation of a minimum limit for deposits under Workmen's Compensation Act.

*94 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of India have been addressed in regard to Sir George Paddison's suggestion that a minimum limit should be fixed in respect of the deposits of compensation under section 8 (2) of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923; and

(b) if so, when, and with what result?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) In July 1927: the suggestion is being considered by the Government of India along with other suggestions for the amendment of the Act.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether after July 1927 a further reference with regard to this matter was made?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

*95 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government—

(i) to modify or get modified section 1 (4) D of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, so as to provide that, if the disablement continues beyond ten days, the half-monthly payment should be declared payable from the date of the accident;

(ii) to fix the minimum compensation due to the families of workmen for fatal accidents at Rs. 750;

(iii) to put an end to the recovery of medical and hospital charges from the compensation payable to workmen when they are attended by qualified medical practitioners under section 11 of the Act; and

(iv) to empower the Commissioner to take action *suo motu* in cases where compensation is not deposited with him or to ask for details of how the compensation amounts were fixed in cases not filed before him?

A.—The Government of India have been addressed in the matter.

Deduction of money order commission from compensation to minor dependants of workmen.

*96 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the money order commission paid for remittances made to guardians of minor dependants of workmen is deducted from the amount of compensation at the credit of the minor dependants; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to put an end to such a practice?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India have been addressed in the matter.